# CALLS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

## PERSISTENT CALLS DEMAND ANSWER-YES OR NO

Our representatives on the field have done and will do their part
Will the men and women at home do theirs?

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# The Call and the Investment

**The Foreign Work** of the Presbyterian Church has recently developed so rapidly that the annual appropriations have not kept pace with even a normal growth, and unusual openings have necessarily been neglected till the situation in places has become acute, especially in the educational and evangelistic departments.

**Therefore, after most careful consideration,** and much correspondence, and selecting from the objects approved by the Missions those demanding immediate attention, the Board has, with the authorization of the General Assembly, instituted a financial campaign for objects absolutely necessary in addition to the regular work.

**A Million Dollar Investment** will be necessary at once if we are to meet the demands, be assured of holding ground already taken, and make an advance at all in accord with the pressing requirements of the work, with the ability of the church and with the enlargement and developments at home.

**Christian Strategy demands it,** and the forward steps are such as wise judgment and true faith demand in view of present world conditions and the clear call of God.

**The Magnitude of the Investment** of the Presbyterian Church in Foreign Missions is not yet fully appreciated by the Church at large, though appropriations for the year ending March 31, 1916, were $2,255,918-.29, and the total actual contributions and credits for the work were $2,287,398.81.

**Two and a quarter millions** is but a small item when we consider: The size of the problem, the unfinished work, and the abounding capacity of our people in the face of present opportunities. Is it not our duty to go forward to meet our task and to sound a call to other churches to go forward with us?

**It is proposed therefore that:**

**Every member of the Presbyterian Church** shall be given the opportunity to contribute in 1916-17 to-

ward this million dollar fund such a gift as they may feel able to give, in addition to their regular contributions to the Foreign Board.

**Board Secretaries, returned missionaries** and others will be in readiness to co-operate in local campaigns covering as many days as necessary —these proposed campaigns to consist of sermons and addresses, men's dinners, luncheons, and such other gatherings as may locally seem wise and desirable.

**Every Missionary Committeeman and Pastor** will be interested and will desire that his own church shall be identified with this new advance in a time of world wide changes. He should not wait, but is urged to write at once for further information and co-operation to:

THE HOME DEPARTMENT
OF THE
BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
156 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

# Special Objects to be Included are indicated on the following pages

## Latin America

**$100,000**

Commercial, Political and Social conditions in Latin America were never so studied by North America as they have been during the war. If strong men in the United States are really awake to the opportunity, they will share and lead in the next ten years in a development on all lines entirely eclipsing everything in the past. The development is inevitable; it is only a question of leadership and conservation. Clearly it must include a great advance by the Church of Christ unless we fail ignominiously.

The work must be reconstructed in **Mexico** where the Board has agreed to remove its operations to

the Southern States which have been almost unoccupied and it must be in a position to join in the united development of publications and higher schools.

**Colombia** with 4,000,000 population, is left entirely to our missionaries. Ours is the only church mission in **Venezuela** and **Guatemala.**

The amount asked for is for evangelization and schools, and necessary facilities for the work, including better equipment for two agricultural and industrial schools in Brazil; a theological seminary for the Methodists and ourselves needed in Chile, with the means to conduct an evangelistic campaign in the great central and populous valley from Santiago to Concepcion; re-establishment in Mexico, and an enlargement of the work of direct evangelism in every field.

PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR DEPARTMENTS, BOY'S COLLEGE, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA.

# Silliman Institute, Philippine Islands

**$50,000** One of the most distinct challenges offered the Presbyterian Church is the situation in the Silliman Institute, Philippine Islands. One of the greatest centers of evangelistic, educational activity in the whole mission field is this group of 700 students at Dumaguete, on the Island of Negros. More than 300 were recently turned away for lack of accommodations. The responsibility of this enterprise falls upon our church. The satisfaction and joy that will come from this bit of far extending service is for some Presbyterian individual or group—a satisfaction further emphasized by the fact that the native Filipinos themselves are endeavoring to raise an additional $50,000.

As far back as 1904 Hon. W. H. Taft, then Civil Governor of the Philippine Islands, said that Silliman Institute had done more to pacify the Island of Negros than all the efforts of the American Government.

CLASS IN AGRICULTURE, SILLIMAN INSTITUTE.

## Persia—College at Teheran

**$50,000** One of the great schools under the control of the Board is the high school at Teheran, with an overcrowded enrollment of 540 Persians, Armenians, Hebrews and Zoroastrians.

There is needed $50,000 at once to begin buildings and to furnish initial equipment toward providing the institution urgently demanded at this critical time in the history of Persia. American colleges are found in almost every land. In Persia there is not a college of any sort.

The people have lost faith in the old way of doing things. They are fully persuaded that Western education will solve all their difficulties and are determined to have it for their children, and they send them in ever increasing numbers to our school. To provide a true Christian training for the young men of Persia is our special task.

The land has been secured with the assistance of the Russian and British banks in Teheran. Buildings and teachers are needed. Our Mission is alone in the work in the whole Northern half of Persia.

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL, TEHERAN.

# Siam

**$50,000** **The Only Missionary Organization** at work in Siam is the American Presbyterian Church.

**Large areas** of the country have never been reached, and no missionaries are now free and prepared for direct evangelistic work in Bangkok, the capital, with a population of 800,000.

**The Young King** himself, educated in England, and eager to advance the interests of his people, praises especially, the educational and medical work of the missionaries.

**Large Sections of China,** to the North and East, can best be reached by the missionaries and language of Siam.

**The King's Brother,** Prince Mehadol, is now in this country studying sanitation, the relation of alcohol to disease, and kindred topics.

**The Newspapers Correspondents** report him saying: "I came here because I believe I can learn most here and because we need American sympathy and help. We want to trade with you and want you to take an interest in us. King Vajiravudh is the only independent Buddhist sovereign in the world, and as such is regarded as the chief champion of the religion of Buddha. Nevertheless, no foreigners are more welcome in Siam than the missionaries. They have done wonderful things for us, and the Presbyterian Board has greatly aided our educational authorities. Their deeds are the kind that will live after them, a constant inspiration for good" (*Daily papers, Sept. 25, 1916.*)

*Will the Men and Women of the Church Meet the Challenge?*

DR. PEOPLES AND SIAMESE EVANGELISTS.

# China — Evangelistic and Educational Needs

## Evangelistic

**$50,000**

In scores of the walled cities of China the outstanding feature is a great stone or brick pawn shop which because of recent social changes has fallen into disuse. One of these can be purchased or a new building can be erected, and fitted out as a church with rooms for a native minister and his family, several Bible women, occasional guests, and other features essential to such work, at a cost of about $5,000. Strong native workers will cost about $500 annually, and are now available.

It would mean the immediate installation of a work in new cities of such a character as to attract the attention of all classes, and from experiments already made, should

mean the interest and early co-operation of scholars and officials, and a self-sustaining congregation in less than five years. An individual can take over the evangelistic program of an entire city with an original investment of $5,000 and an annual outlay of $500. What an opportunity for a modest, effective memorial, or plain investment! In addition the work of country evangelization and itineration as well as of city chapel preaching needs to be enlarged in each of our seven Missions in China.

**$70,000** Christian education is one of China's greatest needs. In the City of Peking there has recently been formed a **Union Christian University,** uniting the various educational institutions hitherto carried on by the Congregational Churches of the United States and England, and the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in the United States. This new and large university requires a new site and buildings, as the plants of the former institutions are too small and are needed for Preparatory Academies. Each organization composing the Union is to give a stipulated sum for the general fund, the share of the Presbyterian church being $70,000, but with the real need of $100,000. This amount is modest when it is noted that this great University is located in the Capital at China, in the great province of Chihli with a population of nearly 21,000,000 people, and in a position of extraordinary strategic importance, not only for that province, but for the whole Republic.

THEOLOGICAL CLASS IN CHINA.
THE SORT OF MEN WHO WILL MAKE CHINA'S EVANGELIZATION POSSIBLE

# Union Educational Work in Japan

**$50,000**

All the higher educational work of the Board in Japan is done co-operatively. Its only higher school for the education of young men and the preparation of Christian teachers and preachers is the Meiji Gakuin which is supported jointly by us and the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church. It is imperative that we strengthen the work of this school, both for the sake of the work in Japan and in the interest of the work in Korea, where the Japanese teachers required in the Mission schools should be earnest and well prepared Christian men. In addition to the strengthening of the Meiji Gakuin the Board desires to be in a position to join in the movement for a Christian University.

A Union Christian College for Japanese Women is now at last assured. The Mission Boards of the Baptist, Methodist, Canadian Methodist and Reformed churches, to-

gether with the Women's Union Missionary Society, have already agreed upon the plan for this Union College for Japanese Women, to be located in Tokio. It is to be a first class institution of higher grade than is now open to women in Japan, and will be an interdenominational college for training Christian Japanese women for service among their own people, with a curriculum adapted to the needs of that country, and recognizing the leadership and cooperation of the Japanese as essential to success. No more significant union enterprise has been organized in Japan in the last quarter of a century than this great institution. Each of the societies cooperating is to contribute its quota toward the equipment, and $22,500 is apportioned to the Presbyterian Church. Here is an opportunity for some "Great Heart" to do a royal act of love for the womanhood of Japan.

ALUMNI OF THE "KOKURIKO JO GAKKO" AT KANAZAWA, THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOOL.

# India

**$50,000**

The outstanding feature in India today is the great Mass Movement toward Christianity now affecting large bodies of the people, and unprecedented in the history of Missions. It has been going on for years, but it has been impossible for the missionaries within the limit of the appropriations to meet the pressing demands made upon them by the large number of those who are open to baptism. It is an opportunity which may pass away. The regular organized work of the missions is insufficient to meet this extraordinary crisis and the Board earnestly asks for increased funds to be used exclusively for evangelistic work among the masses of the people of India.

# Moga Building Fund

One result of the Mass Movement in India is that there are today 20,000 Christians of this class in the bounds of the Punjab Mission of the Presbyterian Church, more than half of them having come within the last five years. They are farm hands, impoverished, illiterate and living under conditions unspeakably wretched. The problem of the church is to help them where they are. There are now in the Mission 1,000 villages in which there are Christians, and there are schools in less than 100 of these.

There is a training school for village teachers at Moga with ninety students, which should be increased to at least three hundred. There should be provided plain buildings, for schools and dormitories, and shops for carpenters, blacksmiths, and others. A farm of at least fifty acres should be provided and given a modern equipment, such as stables, dairy buildings, wells, carts, oxen, cows, poultry, plows, drills, etc., etc. This is practical, and much has already been done with almost no equipment. The possibilities seem unlimited.

PREACHING SERVICE AMONG THE OUTCASTS OF INDIA.

## Approved Property Needs

**$530,000**

The Board has for many years been unable to make any special appropriation for new property, and at this time the approved property list, which means the most urgent properties asked for by the Missions and approved by the Board amounts to $530,000. The list furnished by the China Council numbers 186 different items, and lists from other missions are large and of pressing importance to their work. In each case, care has been taken to eliminate all requests that in the judgment of the majority of the Mission were not urgent, and the requests have been pared down to the lowest possible limit.

No better evidence could be given the church at large of the vast expansion of the work than the simple statement that the Board would tomorrow grant requests for property to the amount of $530,000 as essential to the work if generous donors at home could be counted on to furnish the money.

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## BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Date _____ 191

To assist in the effort to advance and develop the Foreign Mission work of the Presbyterian Church, I agree to give, in addition to my regular gifts for Foreign Missions and the other Boards of the Church, the sum of _____ Dollars towards the funds indicated below by X.

Payable _____

Signature _____ Address _____

Member of _____ Church of _____

## $1,000,000 FUND

- ☐ LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT
- ☐ SIAM EXTENSION
- ☐ SILLIMAN INSTITUTE, PHIL. IS.
- ☐ TEHERAN COLLEGE, PERSIA
- ☐ PEKING FEDERATED UNIVERSITY
- ☐ CHINA CITIES' EVANGELIZATION
- ☐ WOMEN'S COLLEGE AND OTHER HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN
- ☐ INDIA MASS MOVEMENT
- ☐ MOGA BUILDING FUND
- ☐ NEW PROPERTY _____
- ☐ UNDESIGNATED--TO BE APPLIED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD

**Note: Pledges and gifts should be sent direct to Dwight H. Day, Treasurer, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, who will credit such gifts, if desired, to the church indicated.**

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